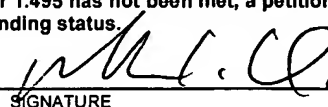


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/EP2004/012653</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/579285</b>
INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>9 November 2004</b>		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>19 November 2003</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>LIGHTWEIGHT VALVE</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Rudolf REINHARDT, et al.</b>		
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